

The *Pembroke* reached the entrance of Simeneseck Strait on the 25th and anchored for the night. A Japanese boat, however, had been sighted on the 24th, and

**MAP OF THE KURE STRAIT (KURE KAI)**

**ISLANDS AND LOCATIONS:**

- NAGATO** (Northwest)
- SIMONOSEKI** (Central North)
- HIKUSIMA** (Central West)
- KURE** (Central East)
- KUSUMOTO** (Southwest)
- KOKURA** (South)
- MAKURA** (Northeast)
- TESAKI** (Far East)
- BUZEN** (East)
- DAVEL** (East)
- ZINMATY** (East)
- KANAWA KEY** (Northeast)
- KE-SUEKUTA** (West of Hikusima)
- MAIRKEI** (West of Hikusima)
- KI OJAMAMONAN** (West of Hikusima)

**FEATURES AND NOTES:**

- BATTERIES:** Several locations are marked, including "BATTERY TAKEN BY FRENCH FRIGATE, JULY 20TH FIRST SIGNAL GUN FIRED" near Makura.
- CHANNELS:** "KANAWA KEY CHANNEL", "BAY OF KAKAGOSIMA", "CHANNEL BETWEEN HIKUSIMA AND KURE", "CHANNEL BETWEEN KURE AND MAKURA".
- U.S. SLOOP OF WAR "WYOMING" TOUCHED GROUND AND DROCKED OFF** (Near Kure).
- NOTE:** A & B POSITION OF MEDUSA WHEN FIRED UPON BY FORTS AND TWO JAPANESE VESSELS (Near Kure).

The Medusa had passed in all nine batteries of six, 12, 24, and 32-pounders. One battery was an eight-gun battery of 32s. Owing to the short range—the batteries less than half a mile distant, and the vessel not more

KANAGAWA July 15, 1863.

The Sembran, with the French Admiral Jaurès on board, returned to this port yesterday—her performance having been hardly up to the promise given out. The Sembran and Toncrede rounded the eastern entrance of Umemachi Strait on the 25th inst. The Sembran, being a large, unwieldy vessel for so

Medina has again been visited by the most destructive fire known for years, which occurred in the court, quarter of the city. A great number of Daimios' palaces, it is said 30 in all, were destroyed, and the flames impelled by a violent wind leaped the citadel walls, and a second time since this port was opened, destroyed the Teyonan's palace.

**The Dutch Strana Corvette Medusa's Adventures.**

D. de Graeff van Polsbroek, esq., H. N. M.'s Consul-General in Japan, gives the following authentic account of the attack upon the Medusa in Shimoneschi bay:

**Episcopal E. Diocesan Convention.**

The evening session was devoted first, to a discussion in relation to a new union; secondly, in relation to the